

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE April 20, 1987

FULL NAME Charles Paul (Chuck) Geiger

(No initials if you can possibly give full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Pleasantville STATE New Jersey ZIP CODE 08232

DATE OF BIRTH April 9, 1940 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 47 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Elementary School Teacher (non-tenured)

EDUCATION Teaching Certificate

WEIGHT 207 HEIGHT 6' 0" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Blonde COLOR OF EYES

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Athletics & Swimming

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN [REDACTED]

WIFE'S NAME Donna-Unit Commissioner.

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
006784 1-25	Egg Harbor Twp., N.J.	SM		Late 1984	4/18/97

003238 V6085 SPECIAL RECOGNITION District Award of Merit, Scouters Training Key, Scoutmaster's Key.

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

See Attached.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

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JUL 21 '87

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed William M. Galt
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council ATLANTIC AREA 831

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Scouting Connections (continued)

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T-25	Egg Harbor Township	N.J.	MC	July 1982	
V-25	Egg Harbor Township	N.J.	VC	Sept. 1985	May 1986
V-25	Egg Harbor Township	N.J.	MC	May 1986	April 1987
T-30	Ventnor City	N.J.	SM	Late 1974	April 1977

July 22, 1987

Mr. William M. Ridge
Scout Executive
Atlantic Area Council, No. 331

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles Paul Geiger

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY TO FILE

JUL 22 1987

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RISK MANAGEMENT
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Ex-Scout

Admits to

Sex Crimes

By JANET NIEDOSIK
Press Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — A former Boy Scout troop leader pleaded guilty in Superior Court here Wednesday to sexually assaulting at least 13 youngsters over a two-year period.

Charles Paul Geiger, 3rd, 47, of Cardiff was a sixth-grade teacher at Davenport School in Egg Harbor Township, a Little League coach and scoutmaster at the time of his April arrest.

All of his victims were from his scout troop, Geiger told Judge Steven P. Perskie.

Geiger pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault. The first count alleges that he molested numerous children on various dates in 1985.

The second count alleges different children were assaulted between January 1986 and April 17, 1987, when he was arrested.

When asked to recount what he did that made him guilty of the crime, Geiger replied, "I touched the person's private parts."

He said he wasn't sure of the number of boys involved but admitted "the wording (in the accusation) was probably accurate. Numerous."

"Approximately 13 individuals," he said.

Most of the boys were between 14 and 16 years old, Geiger said, but one or two in each count were under 13.

His purpose in committing the crimes, he said, was for sexual gratification.

Although sexual touching is considered sexual contact, Geiger was charged with sexual assault under the law if a victim is 13 or younger, and the defendant is at least four years older than the victim, a sexual contact charge is upgraded to the more serious crime of sexual assault.

Geiger faces a maximum 20-year sentence, of which he could be ordered to serve as much as 10 years before he becomes eligible for parole.

Atlantic County Prosecutor Jeffrey S. Blitz said there was no sentence bargaining with the defendant. Consequently, Geiger's sentence will be left entirely in Perskie's discretion.

Geiger will not be sentenced if he is evaluated by doctors at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel to determine if he is a "compulsive and repetitive sexual offender." If he is diagnosed as such, Perskie will have the option of sending Geiger to the center for treatment instead of prison.

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July 4 Rally Set By Blacks

By JOSEPH TANFANI
Press Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — A new coalition of black leaders, saying the city's black community is a victim of racism by the media and casino industry, will hold a Black Unity Demonstration in Columbus Park on July 4.

Clinton Walden, vice president of the new Citizens for Action committee, charged on Wednesday that the Atlantic City Casino Association has ignored the demands of the two local branches of the NAACP for the past two years.

Walden said those demands include hiring more blacks and Hispanics for executive positions, better compliance with requirements for minority business set-aside requirements and aggressive enactment of affirmative-action plans.

"Up to this point, no movement nor positive strides have been made or attempted," said Walden, a city codes enforcement officer and direct action coordinator of the Mainland branch of the NAACP. The plans were announced at a City Hall press conference.

The rally will start at 10 a.m. in the park at Arctic and Missouri avenues. Walden said the list of speakers hasn't been set.

Walden said the rally also will be held to protest what he called "a systematic scandal to taint and discredit black leadership in this city" by "The Press and other media outlets."

"The Press is a major problem. We're always looked at in a negative

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RISK MANAGEMENT

JUN 24 1987

Ex-Scout Admits to Assaults

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After Perskie accepted Geiger's guilty plea, Blitz moved to have the \$40,000 bail Geiger posted revoked. He said Geiger no longer enjoys the presumption of innocence and should be jailed.

"He is a confessed and convicted rapist," Perskie said. "In all likelihood, substantial incarceration under the law," Blitz said.

"Considering the nature of the crime, the likelihood of flight and his propensity to assault young boys," Blitz said Geiger should not be allowed to remain free until he is sentenced.

D. William Subin, Geiger's attorney, said since his client's arrest, Geiger has fully cooperated with authorities. Subin said it is very likely Geiger would flee the jurisdiction, since he has been an area resident for over 40 years and he has family in the area.

"He is married and his wife is here in court with him," Subin said.

"Since he has been out on bail at my advice, he has sought psychiatric counseling," Subin said. The attorney also told the court that Geiger "has not had even casual contact" with any child.

"He has given up teaching, coaching and scouting," said Subin, noting that all of the incidents arose from Geiger's association with the Boy Scouts.

Subin argued that if Geiger remained free, he could continue his counseling.

"Incarceration in the county jail is not designed for treatment of this kind," Subin said.

Perskie said the Legislature has designated the offense to which Geiger pleaded a second-degree crime, which "carries a presumption of incarceration for a lengthy period of time."

"I don't know anything about Mr. Geiger at this time, but I am constrained to acknowledge the nature and seriousness of the crime of which he now stands convicted," Perskie said.

"I am satisfied the prosecutor's motion should be granted. For the protection of the community and in the interests of justice bail will be revoked," Perskie said.

At the time of Geiger's arrest, Sgt. Harold Kauffman, the senior investigator with the Child Abuse Unit of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, said the assaults "took place on Boy Scout outings and camp-outs at various locations."



Howard and Marie Quick of Ocean

Boy Spar

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where it has remained ever since. The Lincoln's Magna Carta is kept in a dim corner of the trailer, sealed in a glass case filled with a fire-resistant gas.

Mark Dickens, from the cathedral, said two others are in the British Museum and the third in Salisbury Cathedral in southern England, by British law, the copy in the exhibit is the only one permitted to leave the country.

The \$2 million nationwide tour traces the evolution of written guarantees of freedom from the Magna Carta through the earliest days of the American colonies and the founding of the United States.

It has an early copy of the Articles of Confederation, the former colonies' first, disastrous attempt at forming a government; the Peter Ziegler article that first established freedom of the press in America; and Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Black Leaders Set J

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five light," he said. He said the negative publicity of the city's elected black leadership "tends to paint blacks in general, even so slightly."

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address a variety of social ills besides the media and casinos, including the sorry state of the resort's schools and the high taxes and utility bills suffered by resort homeowners.

"This is a united front," he said "with a coalition of blacks here"

April 27, 1987

Mr. William M. Ridge
Scout Executive
Atlantic Area Council, No. 331

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Charles Paul Geiger

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the Confidential Record Sheet which you recently sent concerning the above-named individual. This will be most helpful to us in identifying him should he try to register in some other location.

We believe we have all the material we need for our confidential file except the outcome of any legal action which takes place. We do want to know the final disposition of the legal action and the sentencing which may be imposed.

Thank you for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: Northeast Region

READY FOR FILE

APR 14 1987

CHARLES PAUL GEIGER

Scout Chief Charged in Sex Crimes

By STEPHANIE KOHL,
Press Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — Police arrested a 47-year-old schoolteacher and Boy Scout leader Friday afternoon and charged him with sexual assault and child abuse stemming from incidents alleged to have happened on scouting trips.

Charles "Chuck" Paul Geiger III, of the Kie-Tro Apartments, was taken into custody by authorities at his residence, according to Assistant Atlantic County Pro-

secutor Dean Wycks. Geiger, formerly of Ventnor, is a sixth-grade teacher at the Davenport Elementary School, a local little league coach, and a leader for Boy Scout Troop 25, Wycks said. He said all the victims were members of Geiger's Boy Scout troop.

Egg Harbor Township School Superintendent Frederick Nickles said he has suspended Geiger "indefinitely."

The warrants for which the suspect was arrested allege

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also worked at Holy Spirit High School in Abscon, Nickles said. "Before hiring him, we did a full background check," said Nickles. "We found nothing in the interview process that was questionable as far as his character was concerned.

"However, upon learning of the situation today, as superintendent of schools, I have suspended him indefinitely," Nickles said.

"At no time have we ever had any complaints issued nor has there been anything to indicate there was anything of this nature going on in the school setting," Nickles said.

Phillip Geiger said, "There has never been anyone who has expressed concern regarding any aspect of his activities with youth."

"These charges come as a surprise," he said. "He's still innocent until proven guilty. They are just charges at the moment and I'm sure they'll be further investigated by police and the Prosecutor's Office."

Scout Leader Held in Sex Crimes

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Kaufman said. Digerolamo requested his assistance because of the number of youngsters in the scouting program who had to be interviewed. Local police Detective John DeAngelis was called since the investigation was being conducted in Egg Harbor Township, he said.

Phillip Geiger, president of the Atlantic Area Council of Boy Scouts, said after being contacted at home by The Press that he was unaware of Charles Geiger's arrest or the ongoing police investigation.

Phillip Geiger is not related to the suspect.

"To the best of my knowledge, he's always seemed to be well-respected by everyone," Phillip Geiger said. "No complaints have been issued about him to the scouting program nor has there been any correspondence or accusations."

Nickles said the suspect started teaching at the Davenport School in September 1986 but was previously a substitute teacher. He began after state police Trooper Rocco Digerolamo received a complaint last week from a 12-year-old youth and his mother.

Kaufman said the attacks are alleged to have taken place "on Boy Scout outings and overnight camp-outs at various locations."

The investigation into Geiger began after state police Trooper Rocco Digerolamo received a complaint last week from a 12-year-old youth and his mother.

More Boy Scouts are still being interviewed by police and the investigation is continuing, Kaufman said.

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100 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08211

Phone: (609) 645-8311

April 18, 1987

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April 18, 1987

Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232

Dear Mr. Geiger:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with Boy Scouts of America.

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You should understand that BSA leadership regis-

Registration is a privilege granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

Sincerely yours,

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

20 Shore Road, Northfield, New Jersey 082

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Philip E. Geiger

COUNCIL COMMISSIONER
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Saturday, April 18, 1987

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Dear Unit Leader:

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the arrest of Scoutmaster Chuck Geiger of Troop 25 in Egg Harbor Township. He has been charged with sexual assault and child abuse stemming from incidents alleged to have occurred on Scouting trips. This story was carried by The Press on Saturday, April 18, 1987.

In accordance with BSA policy on "standards of leadership" the Atlantic Area Council, BSA, has suspended Mr. Geiger's registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting is a family - it is a Scouting spirit! As with any family tragedy we need to come together; to be supportive, of each other and the program we all hold close. Scouting does not claim to be a refuge from our social ills. But it does combat those ills by instilling values and virtues in our youth through thousands of dedicated volunteers who themselves exemplify those standards.

Our sympathy and our prayers go out to the young people and their families involved, and, to the family of Mr. Geiger. I urge all to unite as a "family of Scouts" to renew our energies and faith in serving our youth with what is still the greatest youth program in the free world.

If I can be of any service to you, your committee or institution, please don't hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

As you all know I believe deeply in the Scout Oath and Scout law. As your Council Commissioner, I pledge my continued service and that of the Commissioner Staff to all of you.

In Scouting,
Tom Sweeney
Council Commissioner

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Member Agency: UNITED WAY OF ATLANTIC COUNTY

Date: April 17, 1987

Signed: Frank Hebb
Frank Hebb

Time: 8:45 p.m.

Ext: 2212

Source: Roland E. Moore, Area Dir.
Northeast Region, BSA 201/821-6500

THE FACTS:

Scoutmaster Chuck Giger of Troop 25, Atlantic City, New Jersey, was arrested on Friday, April 17 by the New Jersey State Police and charged with 4 counts of indecency with a minor. He is being held on \$40,000 bond.

Roland Moore, Area Director, reports Troop 25 is sponsored by the Egg Harbor Police Department. The case was under investigation for at least a week.

The Egg Harbor Police Department was unaware of the investigation.

April 20, 1987 - Mr. Moore reported an article appeared in the Atlantic City Newspaper on Saturday, April 18.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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